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Dear Ms. Brown:

This refers to Docket No. AB 1074X, Lassen Valley Railway, LLC -
Abandonment Exemption - in Washoe County, Nev. and Lassen County, Cal., and to the
Petition for Exemption of Lassen Valley Railway, filed April 20, 2011, 76 Fed. Reg.
27173, May 10, 2011.

Enclosed is the Petition for Trail Use/Rail Banking Condition of the American
Trails Association, Inc.

Arrangement for the payment of the \$250.00 filing fee earlier today was facsimile
transmitted to the Board.

If you have any question concerning this filing or if I otherwise can be of
assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Fritz R. Kahn

cc: Mr. George Ross
Michael J. Van Wagenen, Esq.

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IN WASHOE COUNTY, NEV. AND LASSEN COUNTY, CAL.**

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Petitioner, American Trails Association, Inc. ("ATA"), pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, expresses its interest in acquiring for interim trail use and rail banking the right-of-way of the Lassen Valley Railway, LLC ("LVR"), extending between Milepost 338.33 at or near Flanigan, NV, and Milepost 360.10 at or near Wendel, CA, a distance of 21.77 miles in Washoe County, NV, and Lassen County, CA, proposed to be abandoned by the Petition for Exemption, filed April 20, 2011, 76 Fed. Reg. 27173, May 10, 2011.

A map of the line is attached.

ATA respectfully requests the Board to impose a trails use/rail banking condition if it were to approve LVR's Petition for Exemption and to issue a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment ("NITU"), if the LVR were to agree to negotiate a trails use/rail banking agreement with ATA

Statement of Willingness to Assume

Financial Responsibility

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, ATA is willing to assume full responsibility for the management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of (unless the use is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability) and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by the Lassen Valley Railway, LLC. The property extends between Milepost 338.33 at or near Flanigan, NV, and Milepost 360.10 at or near Wendel, CA, a distance of 21.77 miles in Washoe County, NV, and Lassen County, CA. The right-of-way is that of the line of railroad proposed to be abandoned pursuant to the Petition of Exemption, filed April 20, 2011, 76 Fed. Reg. 27173, May 10, 2011. A map of the railroad line depicting the right-of-way is attached.

ATA acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing obligation to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail use.

A copy of this statement is being served on the Lassen Valley Railway, LLC on the same date it is being filed with the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERICAN TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

By its attorney,




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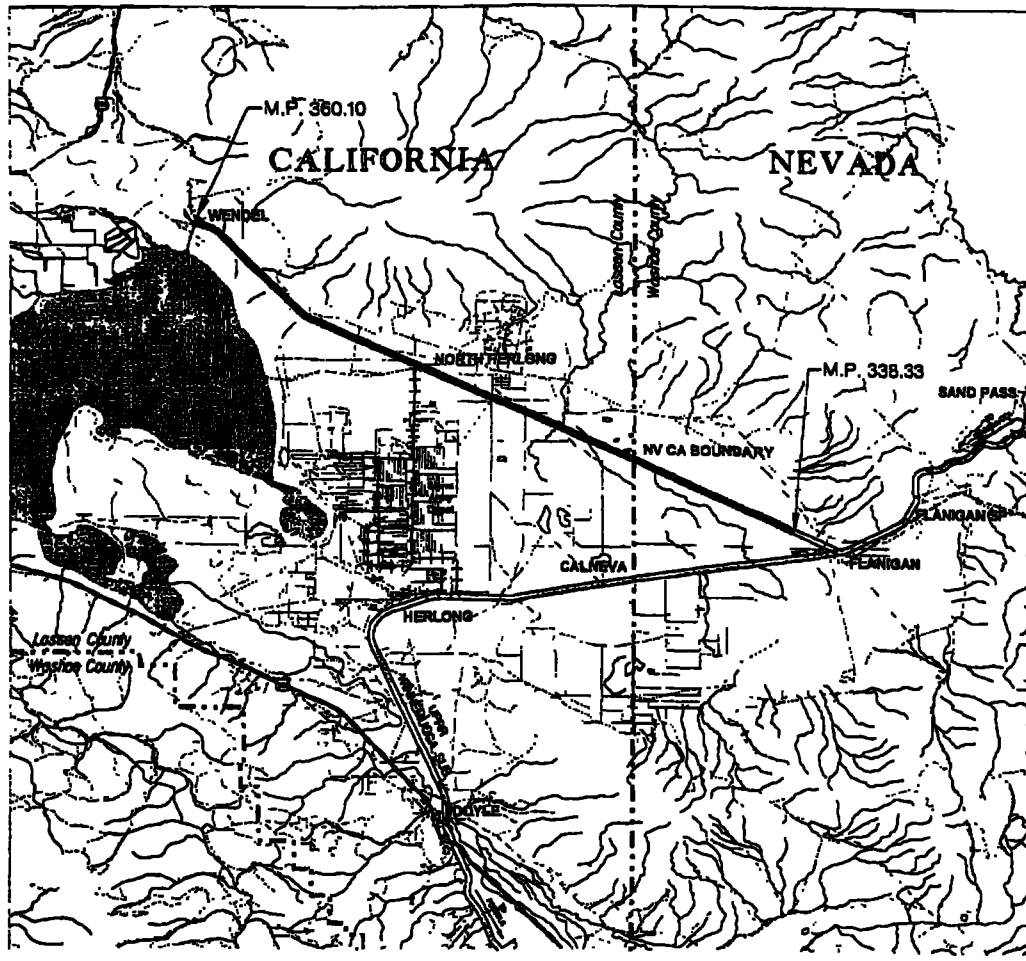
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I this day served the foregoing Petition for Trails Use/Rail Banking Condition of the American Trails Association, Inc., upon Lassen Valley Railway, LLC by hand delivering a copy to the railroad's representative..

Dated at Washington, DC, this 12th day of July, 2011.



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American Trails Association, Inc., deems counsel's representation of Lassen Valley Railway, LLC not to pose a conflict of interests and waives any objection to his representation of both parties.

Sincerely yours,



George Ross
Vice President



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Lassen Valley Railway, LLC deems counsel's representation of American Trails Association, Inc. not to pose a conflict of interests and waives any objections to his representation of both parties.

Sincerely yours,

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Vice President